



FORESTRY CONTEST

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When and Where

Thursday – May 8, 2008, at the Delay Farm near Careywood

Registration forms are included with this Newsletter and must be received by April 11. This year's event will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A barbecue lunch is provided and awards should finish around 2:30. Teachers and coaches making travel arrangements should allow enough time for your group to enjoy the lunch and awards ceremony following the contest.

Prepare for All Test Stations

Timber Cruising; Tree and Plant Identification, Compass and Pacing, Map Reading, Silviculture, Tool Identification, Tree Health, Soil and Water Quality, Noxious Weeds, and Scaling are all possible test stations for the 2008 contest. If you need help preparing for any of these topics, contact your local Idaho Department of Lands, Cooperative Extension Service, or Natural Resources Conservation Service office or the Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Forestry Contest Manual is posted online at www.icehouse.net/ksswcd (the Bonner SWCD website), and at <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/bureau/ForestAssist/contest2008/contest2008.html> (the IDL website). Also needed for studying are "Regional Noxious Weeds" and "Logging Selectively." If you need either of these booklets, call Linda O'Hare at 208-263-5310.

Mandatory Registration

For planning purposes, it is very important to register for this event. The enclosed registration forms must be returned to Karen Robinson at the IDL office in Sandpoint by April 11. If you need a form, please contact Linda at 208-263-5310, or they may be downloaded off the website at www.icehouse.net/ksswcd. Coaches, please update us if your registration changes.

Coaches check in at the registration tables upon arrival up at the meadow – even those who have no changes. This year we will again have two registration tables – look for your school's name on the signs by the tables.

Location of Registration and Group Picture

Everything takes place up at the meadow, including registration. All buses and vehicles will park in the designated areas just past the railroad tracks, and everyone needs to take whatever they require for the day with them and walk up the hill (allow 20-30 minutes to walk to the meadow). Registration is from 8:00 – 9:00. At 9:00 we will direct all the contestants and coaches to gather for a group picture, and then announcements will begin at 9:10.

Tree & Plant ID Requirement

In order to stay current and accurate with the forestry profession, the Tree and Plant ID section will require the scientific name to be identified along with the common name. Page 4.1 lists both names.

Team & Individual Participation

- All Teams will consist of four people. All scores will be figured into the team's total. Test forms turned in without a name or sticker label will receive a zero.
- Participants do not have to be on a team in order to compete at the contest. Anyone in grades 6 - 12 may compete as an individual. Participants will be scored as an individual **and** as a member of a team if they are part of a team. Awards are presented to both team and individual winners.

Be Prepared for any Weather!

As you all know, the spring weather in northern Idaho can be very unpredictable. Please encourage participants to bring warm clothes, comfortable shoes or boots, raingear or a black garbage bag, water bottle, two sharp pencils, and clipboards if you have them. If the weather is nice, the warm clothes or raincoats can always be left in the vehicles. **Lunch is provided.**

Contest T-Shirts

We still have a few of the dark green long-sleeve T-shirts with the Forestry Contest logo for sale for \$12. Also, a few 2002 20-year Anniversary T-shirts are still available for \$8.

THANK YOU

The following companies, individuals and agencies have contributed to the success of this year's event so far:

- Idaho Soil Conservation Commission
- Co-op Country Store
- Idaho District Employees Association
- Stewart Family Trust
- Al & Caroline Farnsworth

Last year it cost around \$6,500 to host the Forestry Contest. Please send your donation by the end of March so we may put your Industry or Agency name on our large banner and in the media releases.

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